

## THE CULPRIT?

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All Peterborough was rife with the murder of Tim Meagher, an old man who lived alone in his cottage on the outskirts of the town. Miller, the head of a detective firm in the city, twenty miles distant, was called for by the town authorities. He went up, looked the matter over, came to an agreement with the mayor and promised to put some one on the case immediately. He was taking his supper in a private room in a restaurant when the door opened and a man of rather seamy appearance entered.

"Mr. Miller, I believe," said the newcomer.

"I am. What can I do for you?"

"I was in the detective business once, and I'm trying to get into it again. I'd like to take hold of this Meagher case."

"I'm going to send a man up to attend to it."

The seamy individual pulled a letter from his pocket and handed it to the detective to read. It was a certificate from a detective firm that Joel Zimmerman had worked for it and done good service.

Miller's bargain with the mayor had been largely contingent upon tracking and capturing the murderer, a not very profitable way to do business. It occurred to him that if he could get this person cheap he would let him work for a while—at least long enough to make some development. Besides, the man told him that he suspected a certain person and would look for a clew in that direction. He felt so confident in the matter that he offered to work without pay unless he made a valuable discovery, but stipulated that he should have the field to himself. No other detective should be put on the case. On these terms Mr. Miller engaged him and went back to the city to attend to other matters that promised more certain results.

Joe Avery, a nephew of the murdered man, lived in Peterborough, a much respected young man, with a very nice wife and two very pretty children. One day while walking on the street he picked up a ten dollar bill. He was in hard luck at the time and was much delighted at his find. The bill was partly spent for meat at a butcher shop. The same afternoon Avery was arrested for the murder of his uncle on information furnished by Zimmerman. The detective produced a list of bills, giving their numbers, that he said he had found in an unused chimney in the murdered man's house. The list was supposed to refer to \$7,000 that the old man kept there. The theory was that the money had been taken by the murderer, who had unwittingly left the list.

Everybody in the town was surprised at Avery's arrest, and no one at first believed him guilty. It was not supposed that his uncle had any money, and if he had the murderer was the only one who could have known of it.

There was a strong case of circumstantial evidence against Avery, but it was weakened by Zimmerman himself, who under cross examination contradicted himself as to how, where and when he had found the list. Experts disagreed whether it was or was not in the handwriting of Meagher. By throwing doubt upon this evidence the prisoner's attorney saved his client from a verdict of guilty. The jury disagreed, but in order to avoid the expense of another trial brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Avery had no doubt that he had been made the victim of a plot and as soon as he gained his liberty set about a bit of detective work to discover the author. The first fact he noticed was that with his acquittal the case was dropped. The authorities believed that the murderer had been discovered, but that his acquittal was a case of "not proved" rather than "not guilty." The detective who worked up the case against him had dropped the matter and was now working for the Miller detective agency that had employed him. Indeed, every one seemed satisfied to let the matter rest except the man who had narrowly escaped the gallows and was in consequence living under the ban of being a murderer. These were the reasons that induced Avery to take up the case on his own account.

Avery made up his mind that his uncle had been a boarder. Indeed, he remembered certain incidents to indicate that such was the case. Some one had discovered that the old man had money in his possession and had robbed and murdered him to get possession of it. If his uncle had saved money possibly he might have had something to do with some bank. He sent out a circular letter to all the banks in the state asking if Timothy Meagher had any deposits there. Seven savings banks replied that bank books to the aggregate amount of \$200,000 had been issued to one Timothy J. Meagher. Avery did not know that his uncle had a middle name, but searched the family records and found that he had. It was John.

Avery was astounded. He was also delighted—delighted for two reasons. First, he was his uncle's legal heir and would be rich; second, his uncle had undoubtedly had some money in his house and had been robbed as well as murdered. Could he find this robber he would be exonerated and rich.

He first took steps to secure his uncle's fortune, then offered \$25,000 reward for the murderer.

The reward brought a letter from the murderer's accomplice stating that he would give up his principal if not prosecuted himself. His terms were accepted, and he sent in the name. It was Joel Zimmerman.

Eight months later Zimmerman was executed.

For Future Use.

Cop—What's the trouble here?

Pugnacious Individual—That man gave me the lie.

Cop—Well, you can't block up the sidewalk with it. Take it home and use it the next time you go fishing.—Boston Transcript.

## ESTRADA WINS AGAIN?

Rumor of Battle at Acopya, Nicaragua

## NO DETAILS OF THE FIGHT

The Prisoners Are to Join Rebels, It Is Reported—Insurgent Leader Is Favored by New Orleans Merchants

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, Jan. 13.—Rumors reached here yesterday of a battle at Acopya, in which the government forces were defeated by the insurgents. No details of the fighting are obtainable.

Confirmation of the rumors of a battle at Acopya would cause little surprise, as it is at this point that General Vasquez at the head of the government forces has elected to oppose the westward advance of the insurgents. Acopya is almost exactly half-way between Bluefields, the headquarters of the rebellion, and Managua, the capital. General Vasquez is entrenched at Acopya with a force estimated at about two thousand men. The government troops moved eastward towards Acopya at about the same time that General Estrada began his movement up the Mico river, changing his base of supplies from Bluefields to Chilo. The exact movements of General Chamorro, who is in command of the insurgent troops, have been concealed recently. Chamorro has been reported as continuing directly towards Managua, and also as dispatching a portion of his army in a detour with the object of attacking the government forces at Greytown. It seems more probable, however, that Chamorro has advanced steadily on Acopya, and that his army, also estimated at about two thousand men, has met or will meet General Vasquez in a decisive engagement at that point.

## HERMANN CASE OUTLINED.

Francis J. Henry Sets Forth the Charges of the Prosecution.

Portland, Or., Jan. 13.—Francis J. Henry in opening the prosecution of Ringer Hermann yesterday told the jury that the prosecution aims to prove that in 1901, when Hermann was commissioner of the general land office at Washington, it was known in Oregon that timber speculators obtaining advance information of lands to be included in proposed forest reserves, were getting many persons to make applications for these lands, which later were sold to the speculators for small sums.

Henry declared the prosecution expected to prove that Hermann entered into a conspiracy with Franklin May, W. N. Jones and others to assist them in the creation of a forest reserve in Southeastern Oregon, the reserve to include 40,000 acres of school lands, which were later to be secured by May and Jones, from the men who were to be paid from fifty cents to \$5 a piece to sign the applications for the lands in blank. The net profit expected by May and Jones was, Henry said, about \$200,000.

## ROYAL ARCANUM LOSES.

Must Pay Full Amount of Insurance Policies to Mrs. Wilcox.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 13.—After a fight for more than three years in the courts, Mrs. Frank Z. Wilcox has won her suit against the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum. Justice William S. Andrews Tuesday directed a verdict in her favor for the full amount of the insurance policies carried upon the life of her deceased husband, with interest. The outcome is of interest to thousands of members of the order.

Mrs. Wilcox was expelled from the organization because of his attacks upon supreme officers for the increase of rates of insurance. He instituted proceedings for reinstatement, but died before the termination of the action. The suit was continued by his widow, Mary C. Wilcox, who was given a verdict for \$3217.50.

## Fortunate Ship's Company.

Highland Light, Mass., Jan. 13, by wireless.—It was fortunate that the schooner S. M. Bird, Norfolk for Boston, with coal, was near Pollock Rip lightship Tuesday night, when she sprang a leak and sank, for the crew and the captain's wife were enabled to reach the lightship after a short but hard row in their yawl boat. Ten hours later the revenue cutter Greengame came along and, taking off all hands, started for Provincetown.

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## MAGAZINE REVIEW

"The Substance of Things Hoped For."

In the New York City Home for the Aged, a deaf old gentleman was making application preparatory to becoming an inmate. As is the usual procedure, he was questioned as to age, income, nationality and religion. He seemed to be able to get through with the first three questions, but when asked his religion he stared blankly at the superintendent. The doctors and orderlies of the home went through a series of shouts and explanatory gestures, but without success. As a last resort one of the doctors dropped to his knees, and with hands upraised to heaven tried to illustrate what they meant by religion. A gleam of intelligence came over the good man's face, and he exclaimed, joyously, "Many many Hall!"—[From Success Magazine.]

## The Much Maligned Bloodhound.

The bloodhound and the great Dane are discussed in *Schubert's Life* for January, under the title, "Two Mismannered Dogs." The bloodhound, as referred to here, is what is styled the "English Bloodhound," not the savage nondescript creature of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." It is the only one true bloodhound, the literal descendant of a race of aristocrats, getting his very name from the quality of the blood coursing through his veins, and not, as is often ignorantly supposed, from his love of human gore. A gentler, more humanly intelligent, more reliable creature does not breathe. Why he has so long been deprived of a more universal companionship with man, the very one mission of all others for which nature intended him is beyond the conception of those who love home best.

## Divorced While You Wait.

The matrimonial yoke, lightly assumed by the negro, is just as lightly cast aside, says Harris Dickinson in "Success Magazine" in an article entitled, "The Negro's Idea of Marriage." If it be the book with license, sometimes the parties get a divorce. The chancery courts in southern states generally set aside one day for the hearing of divorce cases, and the chancellor grants them in one-two-three order as they are reached. Five to ten minutes per case is generally sufficient. This is not because of any carelessness in the courts, but because the facts are plain, and contests are rarely made. It is the same story over and over again with sickening regularity—desertion, cruelty, a rival "Big game" got divorces in the courts, others divorce with a formality which makes little or no difference in the social prestige of the parties. Sometimes, so the story goes, an obliging justice of the peace will alter a matrimonial mist.

## The "Prince Charming" of the Senate.

One day a fluffy little thing asked the usual question of her male escort, according to a writer in "Success Magazine." "Where is Beveridge?" he repeated, scanning the list where the statesmen were tarried. And then he located the familiar for her. At this inopportune moment, Mr. Beveridge arose and saved an embarrassing hand at the vice-president. He turned a terrifying scowl on the stand-pattens. He struck an Ajax pose as he faced the gallery. Incidentally, one might have observed that Mr. Beveridge was not at all dissatisfied with himself.

"Oh," gasped the fluffy little thing in the gallery, "he doesn't look a bit like that in his pictures."

"Now," replied her escort, "this is his fighting face."

Which suggests the thought that Mr. Jim Jeffries and Mr. Jack Johnson and other distinguished masters of the uppercut are not, as a class, alone in their possession of "the fighting face."

## Mantelpieces.

"It has long been a question," says John D. Adams in *Woman's Home Companion* for January, "for those of good taste, as to where the average landlady obtains the ugly mantelpieces which are used in so many rented houses and apartments. What horrors of machine carving, scrollwork, meaningless curves, complicated shelves and brackets which were apparently meant only to catch dust, together with an absolute lack of fitness to the proportions of the room in which it was located—how many people have groined before such a mantelpiece and realized that it was impossible through reasons of economy to replace it?"

"A mantelpiece ought to serve as a frame for the grate; it ought to be one of the most attractive furnishings of the room. It ought to be built on lines of simplicity and sound proportion, and have an air of strength and stability about it. It should have space to hold a chosen piece of pottery or two and a copper jug, a few books, perhaps a flower-holder and a small picture. Most important of all, it should be an integral part of the room in which it is located, and not a big, misplaced, bad-style ornament."

Even Up. He (suddenly)—Was it the night falling? She—No, it wasn't. It was the day breaking.—Baltimore American.

Cautious. Thompson—Suppose a man should call you a liar. What would you do? Jones (hesitatingly)—What sized man? —Jewish Ledger.

## What Every Womanly Woman Wants

One of the fondest desires of millions of women is to have beautiful hair. This desire can be gratified without the slightest risk, for druggists everywhere, and the Red Cross Pharmacy, sell a hair tonic called Parisian Sage for 50 cents, that will turn dull, lifeless, unattractive hair into lustrous and attractive hair in two weeks, or money back.

Put the name on your shopping list right now, and be sure and get the genuine. Every package has the girl with the auburn hair upon it.

Since its introduction in America, Parisian Sage has won unstinted praise from women of refinement who have learned what a delightful and refreshing hair tonic and dressing Parisian Sage is. Just because the makers are absolutely certain that Parisian Sage is the only preparation that kills the pernicious dandruff microbes, they are willing to guarantee it to banish dandruff, stop falling hair and itching scalp, or money back.

## THE EXPENSIVE DEBUTANTE.

To Bring Her Out Well in New York Costs a Pretty Penny.

New York has a tradition that all debutantes must be brought out in November and December. There must be no leftovers for January, which is the month of the ball and the dinner dances.

"In London or Paris there are sometimes six or seven dances in one evening during the season. People pass from one to another, showing themselves for a few minutes here, having supper there, and perhaps appearing at another place before going home.

"In Paris I believe the dances given for debutantes are called *baux blancs*, and of them there are many chapters, for a French girl as a rule, is seldom left alone with a man. However, to-day I hear that the rules are less rigid than they were in the last generation.

"The *baux blancs* are not as tiresome, perhaps, as the reception—formerly held in New York in the afternoon—but the last-named entertainment is at least a meeting place for old friends. As a rule there are too many invited, the rooms are apt to be close and the refreshments are sometimes on a wretched level. Each city has its assembly or its series of dances, and years ago girls who came out only in this way, that is without any special entertainment being given for them, were said to have made their debut by subscription. It was a cruel way of putting it, but at any rate every girl is now determined to have a separate entertainment, whether it is a simple tea, a large crush reception with the usual dinner and theatre to the receiving party, or a dance.

"It is naturally quite an expensive undertaking, because there are so many items to be considered, especially in small households, when a force of extra people must be called in to provide an evening of music, flowers, refreshments, a man to call carriages and footmen or special servants. And when in addition to this a party to the play is given, with dinner before, supper and dancing afterward, extra motors and other expenses, it is difficult to bring out a young girl well, that is to say, in the latest New York fashion, without spending a few thousand dollars, and this does not include gowns.—From Vogue.

A Guiltier Situation. (Miss Yvette Guilbert, writing in the Westminster Gazette of July 21, strongly advocates the divided skirt, and concludes: "From the day on which women will become capable of using their feet and their tails, equality will be gained."

"Ladies, cultivate muscle, for by muscle only will you conquer."

"Ladies, who, ah! strive for progress, Strive your fellow slaves to free. Let the Amazonian ogress Ever your exemplar be.

"Futile is the fret and bustle Of the valiant suffragette Unaccompanied by muscle." Cries the prophetic Yvette.

Followers of Peter Keary. That portentous publicist, On the need of being cheery Must ferociously insist.

But the cult of mental lustre For the feminist is vain; She must cultivate her muscle More severely than her brain.

Man at present is the stronger. But his reign cannot endure. Woman, trained a little longer, Will the upper hand secure.

And in many a hard-fought tussle, Constables, though stout and tall, Must, against superior muscle, Like so many nuns fall.

In the past her mode of dressing Made her sickly, weak and pale, Though it may have seemed amusing To the senses of the male.

Now, shifting frocks that rustle With a feminine frisson, She must concentrate on muscle And divide her skirts in two. —Punch.

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A better way, however, is to rub down a portion of chalk with an old toothbrush in a tumbler half filled with water. If you desire to prepare several slides rub on about a teaspoonful of the powder. Shake the tumbler briskly, allow the sediment to settle for a moment and then carefully pour off the milky looking water.

Repeat this until the water remains clear, and you will then have left in the bottom only perfect shells or large parts of shells. Take up a small pinch of this deposit and spread it carefully over the center of a glass slide. Dry over a lamp and if you wish to preserve the slide for future use mount it in Canada balsam, pressing out the bubbles of air beneath the cover glass.

MECHANICAL INGENUITY. A Full Rigged Ship That a Fly's Wing Would Cover.

Many instances of mechanical ingenuity really remarkable to us in these days, when we are supposed to have advanced in learning, are related by various ancient authors. The silver sphere, "a most noble and ingenious performance," which was presented to Sultan Solymann the Magnificent by his Imperial majesty Ferdinand, is mentioned by Paulus Jovius as showing and keeping time with the motions of the celestial bodies in various configurations. It was carried to Constantinople by twelve men and there put together by the artist that made it.

Mymecides, an ancient carver, was so proficient in microscopic mechanism that he made an ivory ship, with all its decks, masts, yards, rigging and sails, in so small a compass that it might have been hidden under the wing of a fly. He also made a chariot with four wheels and as many Larcessees horses, which took up scarcely more room than the ship.

George Whitehead, an Englishman, made a ship, with all things pertaining to it, to move as if it sailed, upon a table. "All hands were aloft, a woman made good music on a lute, and a little puppy cried in the midship, all of which variety," says the old writer, "was pleasant and diverting."

ROUSSEAU'S SHYNESS. An Experience the Composer Had in a Country Inn.

On one occasion Rousseau composed an opera, which was performed before King Louis XV. and met with the royal approval. The king sent for him, and if he had put in an appearance he would probably have obtained a pension. He was, however, of a retiring disposition and could not bring himself to face the court. To his friends he gave as a reason his republican opinions, but his real reason was his shyness.

Accordingly he fled from the court and sought the privacy of a country inn. While he was there a man came

in who began telling the company that he was the celebrated Rousseau and proceeded to give an account of the opera, which, he said, had been performed before the king with great success.

Most men in Rousseau's position would have felt nothing but contempt for the impostor, but this extraordinary man felt only pity and shame. "I trembled and blushed so," he tells us in his "Confessions," "for four the man should be found out that I was the impostor." He was afraid that somebody might come in who knew him and expose the pretender. At last he could bear it no longer and slipped out unobserved.

Very few people would treat an impostor like that.—Westminster Gazette.

PENGUINS. The Comical Way These Queer Birds of the Antarctic Act.

"The resemblance of penguins to human beings is always noticed," says Lieutenant E. H. Shackleton in his book, "The Heart of the Antarctic." "This is partly due to the habit of walking erect. But there are truly a great many human traits about them. They are the civilized natives of these regions, and their civilization, if much simpler than ours, is in some respects higher and more worthy of the name." Of two of the photographs that appear in the book the following remarks are made:

"An emperor penguin, meeting an emperor or men or dogs, bows gravely till his back is almost touching his breast. Keeping his head bowed, he makes a long speech in a muttering manner, short sounds following in groups of four or five. Having finished the speech, the head is kept bowed a few seconds for politeness' sake. Then it is raised, and he describes with his bill as large a circle as the points of his neck will allow. If you have not comprehended he tries again. Meantime his followers are apt to get impatient. They are sure he is acting incorrectly. Then another male will waddle forward, show the first aside and repeat the ceremony. Both emperors and adules make when the surface is suitable, by tobogganing."

Wild British Cattle. The wild cattle of Great Britain have become one of the curiosities of the bovine race in England. There are very few herds of them remaining, and most of these are diminishing from a very natural cause. Of course they are confined in parks and are jealously guarded from any admixture of alien blood. They are as wild as buffaloes and are treated in the same way as deer. In color they are white, with red ears, and historians assert that they had a large share in the evolution of the Shorthorn as it is known today. It is certain that the color mentioned very often crops up quite unexpectedly in our pedigree herds. They will probably become extinct in a few years owing to the extreme difficulty of procuring sires unspotted to the hinds and yet of the same breed.—Farm and Home.

Quite Satisfactory. Stern Father—Young man, the lights in this house are put out at 10 o'clock! Young Man—That suits me. Don't delay on my account.—New York Times.

Victories that are easy are cheap. Those only are worth having which come as the result of hard fighting.—Beecher.

Do You Feel This Way?

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